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## CIA as Presidential Informer

Considerable criticism has been leveled at the Central Intelligence Agency since the public became aware of its cloak and dagger operations in the wake of the Cuban invasion fiasco two years ago.

No doubt some of the criticism has been wide of the mark for the simple reason that CIA's functions are so highly secret that it is next to impossible to find out the extent of responsibility the agency has in this or that operation. That there can exist a government arm with such elusive accountability has in itself been a source of some concern.

Former President Harry S. Truman, who created CIA, has joined those who would bring the agency back to the purpose for which it was started. This was,

Mr. Truman explains, to provide the President with raw, independent intelligence reports free from the type of slanting which might creep into the reports from other government branches charged with policy making and execution of policy.

When the CIA assumed operational functions, it became subject to the same defects Mr. Truman saw in the intelligence reports of State, Defense, Interior and other departments. The former President is not very high on any cloak and dagger business, but if it is necessary, he would have it done by some other agency and he would restore to the President a source of information which he could regard as being as closely factual as is humanly possible.